August 25th 1857

On Bord Bark Kathleen Aug 25 57

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Tues 25 Sailed from New Bedford Aug 25 57 with a fair wind but light the pilot boat left us at four Oclock in the afternoon, we had a very pleasant day we ware not sick eney to speak of George or me

Wens 26 very pleasant with light winds in the afternoon caught a porpus and saw a lot of black fish but it was so late did not lore for them, not sick attall

Thurs 27 very pleasant but light winds saw another school of black fish but did not lore for them, caught another porpas

Frid 28 last evening it commenced blowing and blew very hard through the night and to-day it is no better all hands sick

Sater 29 the wind still blowing very hard and squarley ~~with~~ ~~ra~~ green hands very sick

Sun 30 the wind still blowing a gale very squarly and the rain falling in torants at midnight last night all hands was called and thare was a sorry looking set thare

 was more than one that was sorry they had shiped all the hands forward are sick and some pretty sick, I think we have a fine set of Oficers they all seam to know thare place and are ready to do thare duty, also the boat stearers, I think we shall like very well, Our Cooper is a very smart man and understand how to do his work well, Our formast hands are very light and green, thare are not but 4 on bord regestered over 18 years old but I think thare are some older but they are very green and the wether we have had has given them a try

Mon 31 rather better wether but very rough George gets along very well he is sea sick some but he does not mind it he will stop and vomit and of for somethinng to eat agane as fast as he can he is not stil a moment except when he is a sleep

Tues Sep 1 heavy sea and wind a head

Wens 2 much the same as yesterday wind a head and light

Thu 3 about the same as the two days past in the afternoon Mr Buts and Mr Borden caught a large logerhead turtle

Frid 4 very rough and squarly they have

turtle supe for dinner to-day but I have green corn, I think we have a good cook but we have a miserable stuard you cant larn him evey thing and he is two durty to live, John says he shall get another when he gets to the Islands and I hope he will or I shall starve for I have ate my peck allready

Sat 5 wind still a head and very light

Sun 6 compleat calm, men begin to get over thea sea sick nes but rather sick of thare burth we have two forward who cant speak a word of English, also our cooper is a Jurman and cant speak a word of English and it is very hard work to make him understand,

Mon 7 calm all day last night the boats ware all lowared to practice the crues George has much the best crue George F creid to go in the boat two, to day saw a large school of black fish loared and chased five hours but did not succeed in taking one

Tues 8 another day calm but to-night thare is a light breeze and it is fair, yesterday and to-day I have not ben very well I am very nervas I have not had a good nights sleep since I left home, I drempt of Sarah and George E and

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Jenet last night but it was all confused and I could not tel whare we ware

Wens 9 last night and to-day we have all kinds of wether but pleasant it was squarly through the night and this morning after breakfast we had a sevear tempest and very sharp lightening and through the day it has continued squarly and very heavy showers to-night it looks very bad and John think we are going to have a bad night of it

Thur 10 we had a very squarly night with heavy showars of rain, just after day light this morning we had another sevear tempest and it continued to rain until noon very hard, since then it has ben squarly and ~~hea~~ head winds

Frid 11 this day first part squarley last part more even but wind a head

Sat 12 to-day very pleasant with fair wind but light

Sun 13 last night we had a very sevear night ~~of~~ gale and a heavy ground swell and the vesel roleing all under the wind went down at noon but the sea is high and it thick and heavy, in the hight of the gale last

night the farit got out of the molarses barriel and a hole barrel ful of molarses ran all out they waded around in the pantry in the molarses dip to their anckels and it ran all out on the cabin flore

Mon 14 we have another gale the last 24 hours with the vesel a rowling so that we had to hold on for our lives with both hands and then sometimes we would be throne headfomast acrost the cabin and the vesel rowling her rail under boath sides and the most part of the time the water on deck was from thare knear to the top of the rail we have a board fitted in the cabin doar that comes about to Georges sholders and it would come over that and into the cabin at night we had to lay to, it blu so hard we could not lay in our burth

Tues 15 to day very fine wether with fair wind and plenty of it and very high sea we have had a whale anong side to day a small fin back he came of his one acord he followed the ship for sometime but they did not try to get him they sayed they

6 ware not worth taying for we had a fair sight of him for he would come clost along side of the ship John says he war about 30 feet long and probily 2 months old

Wens 16 first part fair laterpart fair wind but squarley with some rain and fog. we are now in sight of the Islands of ~~Carlos~~ Carvo and Floras two of the western Islands they are very high land we cannot see the top of them the clouds cover the top of them and seams to rest of them theys are rather barren looking Islands the soil looks dry and yallow and thare does not look as if eny thing would grow thare I cannot se a tree or bush, to night we have had another very heavy squarl and the rain fel in torrents while I am writeing it is lightening sharp I think we shall have pleanty of music for we have a flute player and a violin player and as good an accordion player and one that players the most pieces that I ever hurd and ~~se~~ he players some Operah pieces beautifully and I think we have some good singers

Thu 17

Frid 18 we came on bord about 4 Oclock Capt (4) 1
Shackemb~~er~~ ~~Pinkcock~~ of the Ship Peri came of to the ship with us in his boat. he stope a short time and when he left. we got under way I cant say yet whare John does intend to go; as near as I can find out that will depend apon the wind he has, George T. had eney quantity of fruit given him on shore one of our sailors lives hear when he came on bord he brought 9 watermelons two hens and two little towels that ware hemstiched and fringed and me a hankerchief trimed with coten edging and a bunch of flowers

to my mother

Sat 19 to-day I have washed we have had a very pleasant and almost calm to-night at dark we ware still in sight of Fayall

Sun 20 to-day cloudy and squarley and a good fair breaze John has not ben well to-day

Mon 21 to-day pleasant and a fair wind and a plenty of it

Tues 22 to day pleasant and a fair wind we this morning ~~the~~ saw to sail a head one of them lorped back and wated for us to come up and speak ~~her~~ she pruved to be the Bark Alto of New Bedford the mate has charge

2 of the Ship Now and is out on a
cruce the Capt is at Fayall wateing
for his wife to be sick they are the
Capt Lorance and wife I wrote to you
ware stoping whare I stoped they have
a little girl with them now that
was born on the last voyage she is
three years and a half old and they
have another at home 8 years old ~~she~~
Mrs Lorance told me she expected to
stay there about two months more and
then they ware bound to the Indian
Ocian, I bought me two straw hats
at Fayall with very wide rims
Wens 23 to day squarley and heavy showers
Thurs 24 to day pleasant and pleanty of wind
Frid 25 pleasant and strong winds
Sat 26 cloudy and strong winds
Sund 27 to day much the same as yesterday
I have ben quite sick since last monday
morning so that I have sut up but
very little I have ben sick evry day since
I left home more or les but I felt much
better while I was on shore at Fayall and
I improved it, ~~John~~ I have lost 10 pounds
of flesh since I left home John wayed
Mon 28 G F yesterday he ways 38 pound he is very

well and enjoys himself very much. we had two
sail in sight most of the day yesterday but did
not speak eathor they ware not near enough
we are now in sight of the Cape De Vird Islands
we are to stop hear a fiew hours for two of
our men that belong hear to go and see their
friends I shall not go on shore but George is
teasing to go with his uncle George. John
wants me to stop on shore when we get to New
Holand while he makes a cruse and see if am
not better but I cant tel what I shall do yet
it is so far a head as we dont expect to be thare
before the last of Febuary that was whare Capt Harisons
wife was stoping when we hurd from them last,
when we leave hear we shall not stop agane
until we get to New Holand unless we should
at the Trustean Islands which John says he
may but he cant say surtin if we go thare
he expects to be thare in November if we do
you will have letters from thare George D is
very well John has some cold but well otherwise
but they do not like the ship eathor of them
she is quite a good sailor but dreadful crank
and ugly and our provisions are poor and not
a grate deal of them eathor John says thare
is not more than enough to last 2 years eney
way we got a new stuard at the Islands but

4 he is not much better than the other he is rather cleanor, it very uncirten a bout thare being a chance to send this fram hear but I thought I would wright a fiew lines and send on shore at eney rate for you might get it, I suppose you will get my letters from the Islands in about two weaks from now and you will say I nead not write often for it will take all the time to read the letters, I wrote you in them to write to me and send over land to Vare Western Australia so that I may get them by the last of Febuary John thinks it will take them about two months to come, all hands are well on bord but we have not got eney oil for we have not seen the spout of a whale yet we hurd a report at the Islands that the A Houghton had got 60 bls of oil but we did not see eney one that had seen her and she had not ben to the Islands, we did not go to St Mikels as I wrote to you we expected to, Mr Borden is well and Henry Burt, and all the rest we shiped three new hands at the Islands two Portagues and a young fellow that belongs to New Bedford by the name of James E ~~Rusl~~ Russel he ran away from the ship Oretaft of New Bedford but he seames to be a smart

fellow, but I dont know of eney thing nore to write now, give my love to all of our folks and William I waint you and Sarah to look out for Charles and George E for that uper factory pond has tormented me ever since I left hom tel Charles from me not to go thare for eney thing. kiss G. E for me tel Sarah George did not go on shore at the Islands so I got all the stockings I could and she shall have one pare if no more when they get thare if they ever do I am sorry now I did not send home what things I got from the Islands but it cant be helped now, I have not ben able to do eney sowing yet not the first piece except a little mending John thinks he shall have to visit the slop chest soon, my love to Mary and Robert Sarah Jenet Amy and all the rest and a share to yourself George and John say they have nothing to write for I write all they boath send their love to you all and G D says tel you he wishes he was thare so no more this time

from E C Marbel

Sep 1859 (7) 1

Tues 29 we left the ~~Island~~ St Antone last night at early candle light I started to go on shore with George D but the brakers drove in so high they thought I should get wet if nothing worse so they brought me back and then the boat went on shore and came of agane just ~~at~~ before dark they had no dificulty about landing after all they could not eny thing fresh hear or a piece of frute of eny kind for they have had a sevear drouth and the in habitance are almost in a state of starvasion I sent a letter home from hear Wensday 3 this morning we had 2 Islands in sight but some ways to the Eastard

Wens 30 to day a good brease and going a head finely in a few days we shall cross the line if nothing hapens it has ben very warm hear to day

Oct 1 Thur to day first part pleasant and very hot this afternoon light winds and squarley and at times the rain falling in torents we have seen two sail to day we exchanged signals with one it

2 was an English Brig she was still in sight at dark we had as beautiful rain bow to to-night as I ever saw

Fri 2 to day it has ben a perfect calm except squarles and it has rained most of the day by spels very hard, the Brig we saw yesterday was in sight this morning but it has ben so thick since we could not see eney distance scarcely

Sat 3 to-day fore part calm and rainy latter part raining in torents at about 5 Oclock the wind sprung up and now we are going at a good jog we have raised three Barkes to-day but did not speak eather

Sun 4 this day first part fresh brieze latter part squally with some rain thare ware two sail in sight this morning from mast heade

Mon 5 to-day calm agane but no-rane to speak of about 3 Oclock we raised a school of black fish lowered all the boats but they ware very shigh and they did not succeed in fastening to one until just at dark Mr Buts fastened to one they then all came

on bord it was quite dark when they got on bord John thinks he may make a barrel of oil he is not large they are cuting him in so as to be ready to boil him out in the morning, thare has ben a ship in sight all day but some ways of she is like us becalmed

Tues 6 to-day perfectly calm and very hot and the ship roling very bad John caught a shark this morning and thare has ben two more around the ship all day

Wens 7 this day squarley and rainey sometimes the rain will fall in such a bodey that it seames as if it would press the ship down under water

Thurs 8 last night we had a surveir tempest to-day the fore part the wind blew a gale and the rain fel in torents latter part more morderate

Frid 9 to-day fore part strong wind latter part perfect calm this morning we raised a school of black fish they lowered and chaced but did not succeeble in geting eney

Sat 10 to-day a purfect calm and very hot to-night we raised a school of black

fish lowered the 2 and 3 mates boats
Mr Buts succeeded in takeing one they are
now cuting it in

Sund 11 another hot day and a perfect calm
thare is two sail in sight, how muche
longer we are to lay hear I dont know
Mr Buts says they lay hear last voyage 15 day
and I think we bid fair to be hear as long
this. how I wish I could have a supper with
you to-night it would be a treat indead and
a cup of tea I almost choak befor I can drink
what we have and every thing is so durty I
cant eat or drink with a relish what we
do have. while I am Sam Profit is rideing
George around pig back he has as much
as he can do to follow first one and then
another around they are all ready for a
play with him or to make him something
to play with he has eney quantity of boats
a jumping jack and lots of other things
he and the cook are on very good turns
and he will cook him eney thing he
wants. (and I have to go to him sometimes
when I get starved out hear he will do
eney thing I ask him to for me) yesterday
he made me some cookies and he took
some of the doe and made G F a rat and

a lot of mice and baked them, we went on deck since tea and a swallow flew on bord he flew rite clost to me three times and then lit on the cabin and the cat caught it and killed it, we had a rain boe to night but thare was not a drop of rain or eney appearance of eney hear at the time but thare has a squarl come up since and we have had quite a shour thare are plenty of squarles all around us now

Mon 12 to day strong wind but rite a head we have had squarles of wind and rain all day we have had eleven diferant sail in sight to day but none of them near enough to speak them they appear to be all merchentman going the same way we are, G F has got some new business to day he is going to learn Peoter George's boat steerer to read he gave him his first lesson to day he is a black Portague

Tues 13 to day a strong breze but rite a head we are 48 days from home and not to the line yet we have five sail in sight to day one has ben very clost to us to day but did not speak us

6 Wens 14 to-day very fair with a good brease but still a head we have three sail in sight to-day to-day I have had a good chance to see fling fish I have seen them befor but not so clost to us but to-day they have ben very thick all around us thare was a very small one flew on bord and G F has had a grate time with it they have come on bord several times before but always in the night and they would be dead when we saw them they are quite a bright blue on thare back and wings on the other side it looks like silver we had an owl send most of one day with us a fiew days ago but he was up in the rigin and I could not get very clost to him to see how he looked but those that did sayed he looked best at a distance for he was a dreadful ugly looking fellow

Thurs 15 to-day quite a good breaze but a head yet but we work south some to-day about 11 Oclock we crosed the line but old Neptune did not seam to think us of much account for he did not bord us and I dont blame him eather such a set as we have hear, we have one sail in sight to-day, we raised black fish this afternoon

and attempted to lore for them in doing
so George had a hole stove in his boat by
carlesness before he was ready to lore the
other three boats went of but did not
succeed in takeing eney, it begins to cloud
up and threaten a storm, George says the
two last days have ben the pleasantest I
shall have on this voyage

Frid 16 to-day still a good breeze but the wind
a head we have three sail in sight but
not very near we have raised three
school of black fish to-day and lowared
twice the first time Georges boat got
a small one the next time they got
none, I say a small one it is about 10
feat long and as large around as a barel
or larger the two that Mr Buts has
caught before ware about 15 feet long
and as large in proporion and they call
there quite small ones, our white cat
went in the boat to-day with G after
the black fish

Sat 17 to-day quite fair with wind still a head
and not so much of it as thare has ben
for two days before and rather cooler
John has ben trying to make some bread
to-day so that I could have some that I

could eat he succeeded very well I would
to taste something that was fit to eat one
of your cold johney cakes would be a treat
or eney thing that was not half dirt
Sun 18 to-day a good brease agane but stil a
head and it is quite cool but we macke
some south John says if nothing hapens
we shall be rite under the sun before
to morrow noon, we saw a spout this
afternoon and we ran down toward
it it proovend to be a couple of fin
backs so we have no whale yet
Mon 19 to-day almost a calm and two sail
in sight, John has ben makeing G F a
cot and has hung it in the cabin to keep
the bed bugs from caring him of, we began
to wash this morning but I had to give up
and go to bed a while and John finished
the wash, thare is quite a band on deck
thare is an accordian a gatar a violin and
two pare of clackers and a tryangle they
play a while and then they sing a while
Tues 20 to-day it blowes fresh and we are pitching
up and down to a grate rate, we have
seen four sail to day to bound the same
way we are and two bound north, we
saw a large hump back whale to-day

but he was going very fast and it was 9
blowing hard

Wens 21 to-day it has ben very rough with heavy squarles and some rain and through the night last night we had hard work to stay in our bourths, we have had four sail in sight to-day I forgot to say we past under the sun monday at twelve o'clock it has ben quite cool to-day

Thurs 22 last night and to-day it has blown a gale and we a pitching around at a dreadful rate I have not ben as well as useal to-day for I have not ben able to sleep eney for two nights we have pitched so, we have one sail in sight

Frid 23 to-day a good breaze and the ship not quite so uneasy as she was yesterday we have one sail in sight. Oh I am sick for the want of something decent to eat I believe we have nothing on bord of the ship that is not eather wormy or stinks except hard bread I believe that is good so far and our water is salt and stinks to and the tea and coffee is worse than the water. what drink I have used I have had to drink water with lemon syrup in it and the water keeps me distressed all the time ~~but~~

I swill fale at home better out of your
could live

dont tel what fare we have for I dont want it known that this is what I came a whaleing for I

Sat 24 to day quite fair this afternoon I was
over halling my birth and filing up the
cracks with auguintum to kill the bugs
when John came down and sayed thare
was a whale ship runing down to us
it proved to be the Bark Laetitia Capt
Stowell of New Bedford four months
and a half out with two hundred and
twenty five bbls of oil all told he has sent
home some but I dont remember how
much he came on bord and stayed to
our initasion supper and spent part
of the evening and George D went on
board of his ship
Sund 25 to day fair but the wind blowing strong
and the ship pitching as iseal thre sail in
sight Capt Stowell was in companey with
the A Houghton the day before the heavey
gale of the twenty fourth of August of
Floras one of the Western Islands but has not
seen or hird from her since she had sifty
bls of Oil then he seames to talk as if he
thought it was douptful about her living
through the gale
Mond 26 to day strong wind and rough but going
along a jog four sail in sight I have
broken three of my teath of holding my

teath together so hard when she the ship pitched not all at once though but one at a time

Tues 27 to-day fore part calm this afternoon light breaze and the ship quite still have ben makeing some pumpkin pies and some cranbery tarts and I think they will be good but I did not have eney eggs or milk to put in my pies at eney rate I know they are clean so they will taste well John has ben trying to fit the sowing marhean but the more he does the worse it is

Wens 28 to-day a fair breaze and we are going along finely we have had four sail in sight to-day. my pies I made yesterday ware first rate I think they taste about as well as those we have at home that have plenty of milk and eggs, George D says they as good as eney he ever ate at home. yesterday it was quite warm but to-day it is rather cooler

Thurs 29 to-day cloudy and cold not much wind but what there is fair John has ben to work yesterday and to-day fiting a canvas botam to my burth to see if I could not lay better and get some sleep for the bead was so uncomfortable I could not bare to go to bed

Frid 30 this day we have ben laying two in a storm it began last night to rain and has reined about all the time since and no appearance of clearing away yet it very cold so that I have sat in the cabin roped up in my wolen sack all day and the men have put on thare thick close and yarn stockings they have all ben bare leged untill to-day we have had one sail in sight to day

Sat 31 to-day is Johns burth day it is a winday cold and rainey day, we exchanged signals this noon with the ship Ellis Ball of ~~Philed~~ alpha she is near us now bound the same way we are

Novem

Sund 1 the gale still continues it has ben very severe all day but it seames to lul a little now thare was a large ship past us this noon and thare is one in sight now heading toward us

Mond 2 it still continues to blow a gale it luled a little while last night but onely to comence ~~anew~~ and with more firry than before

Tues 3 to-day it begins to morderate agane but it very rough yet but I am in hopes it will be better tomorrow George F is not very well to-day

Wens 4 George is quite smart to-day it has not
cleared of yet it is cloudy and cold but
the wind does not blow as hard as it
has but there is a heavy sea on yet
Thur 5 no clear wether yet it still continues rough
~~mysery~~ rainey thick and unpleasant in evry
way but we have got some sail on the
ship agane and are trying to get along
agane where we ware when the gale began
I have ben overhalling my trunks to-day
but I had hard work of it for evry fiew
minutes I would be thrown acrost the
cabin slam if I did not hold on pretty
well I am brused all over from being
slat around you cannot form eny idear
how bad this sluts John and George
both say they never saw one near as bad
before
Frid 6 well we have another day of rain and
strong wind it squarley and very thick
so we cannot see but a very little wase
Sat 7 it still rains with but a fiew minutes
cecation and the wind increasing
Sund 8 to-day we have quite a pleasant day the
sun has ben out most of the day so far
but we have a strong wind (and it is
fair) which is something we have not had for
sometime but John says he does not think the blow
is over yet

Mond 9 this day four part cloudy and some rain
latter part more pleasant
Tues 10 we have a fair day to-day which is
quite a treat we raised the land to-day
just after dinner it is Tristan D Acunaha
it is right a head and in sight from the
deck now I dont know whether we stop
thare or not yet John has not decided
Wens 11 to-day quite pleasant we did not stop at
the Island which I rather thought we should
it was in sight this morning
Thur 12 to-day very pleasant last night there was a survere
squall and it ~~reigned~~ rained in torents for
a while, we have not seen eny thing that
looks like a spurm or right whale yet but
plenty of fin backs
Frida 13 to-day cloudy and a stif breaze we had
a little change this after noon by their raising
spirm whales as they thought evry thing was
in confuseion in geting the boats in readiness
but they prwed to-be hump backs and
they do not lore for them of soundings.
I had a preasant from Mr Buts to-day
of four quarts of fwhirtleberies put up
in white crushed sugar they are very
nice I have made three pies out of them
and the rest I shall save to eat as they
are

Sat 14 to day most of the day cloudy and
cold we have seen a grate meney fin
back and hump back whales to-day
we caught one porpas but no whales

Sund 15 to-day it has ben squarley and very
rough all day Mr Buts caught two
conies this morning they are the same
shape of our geese and look like them
but they are larger and they have one
joint more in their wings than our
gease we measured the smallest one
from one end of his wing to the other
was ten feet and a half their fethers
are mostly white and very ~~white~~ thick

Mond 16 to very squarley and rough we spoak
this afternoon the Ship Gideon Howland
of New Bedford but it was two rough
to try to have a gam

Tues 17 to day the wind blowing very hard and
squarley and all the fore part raining
very hard to day I have made George
a shirt and he is proud enough he put
it on outside and went on deck to
show it

Wens 18 it blowes a gale it blew awful last
night thrugh the night and has continued
all day and still continuses

Thurs 19 the gale stil continues and no appearance of being eney better very soon we could not whale it if they whales ware all around us it is so rough and it is so thick we cannot se but a short distance
Frid 20 it still continues to blow but not quite as harth as it has. and to day we have dad the sun out and that is a treat
Sate 21 the gale left us this noon all at once with a perfect calm since then we have had all kinds of wether cloudy and squals rain and sunshine
Sund 22 to day has ben a day of excitement this morning soon after breakfast we raised black fish lowered and struck 5 but did not succeed in saving but 2 one of them George got the other Mr Sulervan dinner was ready when they came on board very soon after dinner we raised two large right whales (the first we have seen) they ware going very fast but we lowered and chased untill dark but had to give them up then
Mond 23 to day raised one riffht whales soon after breakfast lowered and chased untill one oclock but he was going very fast and could not ketch him so gave it up for this time

Tues 24 it blowes a gale agane we have had but two days that we could lower a boat, I have ben quite sick to-day and do not feel much better ~~now~~

Wens 25 three months to day since we sailed and no oil yet, we have had strong winds to day but last night we had a sevear gale for about 10 hours it was very bad we caught a porpas to day, but have not seen a whale

Thur 26 this forenoon raised a large rite whale lowared and chaced a while but it blew so hard and he was going so fast we had to give it up, it soon began to snow and then to rain it still contin*ues* to rain and blow quite hard

Frid 27 to day strong breaze but quite pleasant

Satr 28 to day morderate breaze and pleasa*nt* after dinner raised right whale lowere*d* and chased but to no affect George T thinks he looks like Charles with his long shirt on when he comes out in the kitchen to dress I have not felt as well to day as usal

Sund 29 to day almost a perfect calm very pleasant and warm

Mond 30 to day fore part cloudy latter part very pleasant saw a school of black fish lowared and Mr Buts got one and Mr Sulavan one in cuting them in one man fel over board but he could swim and they lowared and got him but I was very much frightened his name was ~~Quade~~ James Mc Quade he hales from Middleborrow

Dec

Tues 1 to day is the first day of sumer hear and the firs day of winter at home it has ben quite cool and rainy and the wind blows very hard and we a rowling and a pitching very bad

Wens 2 we have almost a calm to-day and very warm I had a very distress time last night John was up with me until 12 Oclock but I feel better this afternoon than I have in some time

Thurs 3 to-day a very light breaze and very warm and pleasant

Frid 4 very unpleasant raining and blowing a gale raised a sail this forenoon but did not get very clost to her took her to be a merchant man

Sat 5 ~~til~~ it blows thare has one ~~sail past~~ day ~~yours~~

Sund 6 the wind still blowing a gale we had an awful night last night I did not sleep eney to speek of and thare is no prospect of it being eney better to-night. thare has two sail past us to-day but I did not see but one

Mond 7 it does not blow quite so hard to day but it could and unpleasant we are of aganste the cape of good hope John says I must not expect eney thing but gales of wind for the next two months I think we have had our share for the last ~~four~~ three months

Tues 8 to day quite pleasant John and I have ben working

Wens 9 to day all kinds of wether squarley with some rain

Thurs 10 this day very pleasant with light winds raised a school of black fish just as we sat down to breakfast lowerd and got six G D two Mr Buts two Mr Borden two Mr Sulavan was fast three times but his irons drawed

Frid 11 to day all kinds of wether some rain squarley and strong winds

Sat 12 last night we had the worst blow that we have had yet evry thing was on the moove that could move and the ship roling almost over evry fiew minutes I was very much frightened and distressed I did not sleep eney and John had as much as he could tend to the ship and me but it has morderated consid erable to-day I did not get up to day until 12 o'clock for I felt bad enough and now I can scarcely hold my head up I feel so bad

Sun 13 to-day cold cloudy and strong winds

Mond 14 we had a gale comence last night and it still continues I have not ben able to sit up but a little while to-day

Tues 15 the gale continued until this noon and was very sevear while it lasted since diner we have more morderate wether but it bloes a strong breaze now I am rather better to-day so that I have ben up all day and have sowed some

Wens 16 to-day very pleasant over head but a very heavy swell on and almost calm John says another gale in les than 24 hours

Thurs 17 this day very pleasant not so much
sea as yesterday and a good brieze
Frid 18 this day very pleasant raised a sail
this morning early but she soon run
out of sight of us
Sat 19 this day very pleasant over head but
a strong breeze and heavy swell
Sund 20 this day strong winds squerley and
a heavy sea
Mond 21 this day very cold and rough
Tues 22 this day very pleasant and warm and
a calm
Wens 23 this day very pleasant yesterday I began
my chore back to work
Thurs 24 this day fore part quite pleasant latter
part blowing a gale to night is cristmus
eve and G F is makeing calculations to
hang his stocking to morrow night if
pleasant we are to have a consirt by some
of the hands forward
Frid four months to day since we sailed
and no oil yet, it is cristmus and
I will give a discription of it G F thought
his stocking would not hold all he
would have so he took a flower bag

and hung it on the after cabin railing
to the staires his parther put in it a can
of pine apple and a bottle of sider and
some raisons and white sugar and fifty
cts I put in twenty five cts and some pop
corn George D. put in 25 cts and Mr Buts
25 cts so he faired pretty well,
To day for dinner we had in the cabin
beans and corn fresh beaf and moter
mince pies and pumpkin pies
forward they had grean pear fresh beef
chickens and clams mince pies and
apple, George and I made some candy
and poped some corn, the sea was ~~quite~~ rough
Sat 26 to day quite pleasant but a heavy sea
we had a very good concirt last night
and evry thing went along as regular
as if they ware at home in a hall
they had their hand bil pasted up
and a program of the pieces thare was
nine of them all but the cook ~~for~~ mast
hands and six pieces of music and
it was performed well the cook was
dresed as a woman with hops on and
he acted his part well before they

got through John treted them they then gave him a very good toste and a song in connection with it, so all things considered we had quite a time

Sun 27 this day fore part very rough latter part more pleasant raised a sail but did not speak her

Mon 28 this day quite pleasant and light winds. sail stil in sight to day John thinks she is a murchantman we had some music on the serapleam last night one of our fornast hands can play on moste evey instrument he played the Organ in church a year before he left home his name is Avery have are two brothers of them George and James and they both play and sing and they under stand it John asked George into the cabin and he played for us two hours

Tues 29 this day very pleasant and almost a calm

Wens 30 this day strong winds and cloudy saw a sail this foremoon but it soon went out of sight

Thurs 31 this day cloudy and slight showers with very strong winds

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Jan 1858

Frid 1 to day is new years day and it is very pleasant, I would like to take diner whaeat I did last new years first rate and it would taste well

Sat 2. we raised the Island of St Porles yesterday morning early soon after breakfast we ware clost to it and as John wanted to get some fish he sent of the three larbard boats G F and I went in G D boat we ware gorn over 9 hours and got but a very fiew fish but G F and I ware burnt almost to a blister our faces and eyes ware dreadfully burned and I had the head ake so I had to give up and go to bed and John he kept wet clorths wet in milk on our faces and eyes they are much better to day but they feel pretty bad yet, so we had no dinner for new years we have very thick wether sometimes we cant see the length of the ship

Sun 3 Mond 4 yesterday was a day of days in the morning it was very thick about noon it cleared of some and about the same time we raised a school of

spirm whales thare was a grate meney of them in all directions they ware raised by John Galardo lowered away all the boats Mr Buts went up and fastened to one first when his line parted Mr Sulavan then went up and put his iorn into him and George being clost by went up and his boatsteorer killed him Mr Sulavan then left the whale with George and he started for another in one direction and Mr Buts and Mr Borden in another we folowed on as well as we could until we saw Mr Buts and Sulavan fast agane by this time it began to grow quite thick agane and we lost sight of the three boats from the ship John then set his colars for them to come right on bord for it blew quite hard and was rough and was growing worse fast and the baromater a falling. he then started for ~~the~~ George with the dead whale we went to him and got the whale and got him along side and then started to try to find the other three boats we soon saw them and as Mr Sulavan was alone John thought

he would go for him first for their whal^er^ ware both dead so we went and picked him up and got his whale along side by this time it was most dark John then sat his irson for them to come if they could see us but we could not see them and what to do we could not tell by this time it was blowing a gale we started to go whare we saw them last but we could not discover eney thing of them and we could not get a head very fast with two whales in tow and it soon began to rain in torents we sat lights in evry place we could and had two scrap lights burning on the try works about nine O'clock Mr Borden come he sayed he left Mr Buts fast two his whale about an hour before dark, he sayed with all the light we had got it could not be seen more than a half a mild, he sayed that Mr B was going to lay by his whale intil the ship came to him, we kept on as well as we could for a while longer when John concluded he must cut from the whales for he

was afrad we should never see the boat again
so we cut them of and lost both of them
but stil nothing could we see of the boat
we kept men at the mast head to see if
they could see their light ~~so hear~~ we ware
in suspence until about one oclock when
they came they had layn by thare whale
until about half past 11 when they cut
from him and started to try to find
the ship for they had not seen in for
the last hour. we had past them ~~but~~
and John being afrade we had layed
to for a while when they came up they
had seen our light for the last hour but
they ware pretty well beat out and could
scarcely stand, so I did not get to bed
until about 2 oclock and I do not want
to another such a day, to day it has
ben very thick we had two sail in sight
yesterday one was a man of war brig but
we did not speak eather the other was a
bark she sat her colors but we ware all
to anxious then to notice what they ware

Tues 5 to day it has ben raining most of the

day and very thick and cold we have ben
trying to cruse around as near as we could
to whare we thought the whales we cut from
might be in hopes to find them agane but
it continues so thick we cant see but a
little ware so John thinks he shall not
stay hear eney longer than to morrow if
we do not see eney thing by that
John has ben quite sick to day but he
is a little better to night

Wens 6 to day has ben very cold and has rained
some, John says his part of the oil
we lost would have amounted to about
seven thousand dol bounty and all
it is very rough and the wind blowes
quite hard

Thurs 7 to day it has blown hard and it has
ben very cold but clearer, we lost one
hole fluke chane and parted another
and lost part of that we did not have
but three

Frid 8 this day very cold and strong winds

Sat 9 another cold rainy and thick day

Sund 10 to day quite pleasant and a fair
wind

Mond 11 to-day strong winds and cold and wind still increasing Mr Buts gave me a quart or more of dried whortleberries, I have had an invertation to-day to make two fancy dreses for the compeny forward thore name is the Kathleen serenade band

Tues 12 13 14 and 15 we have had continual squarles for the last four days plenty of rain and wind and last night it thundered and lightened and a very heavy squall of wind, I have spent this weak so far in makeing fancy dreses for our band I have made one white skirt with three stripes of calico around the botom. and one white skirt with five rowes of ribon two of broad blue satin and three of red satin, the wasts ware made of blue flaniel and trimed with ribon

Sat 16 to-day very pleasant with light winds and quite warm. I have to-day cut and made a swollow tailed coat out of calico

Sund 17 fore part of this day almost calm latter part squarley

Mon 18 to-day quite pleasant with strong winds
John and I have washed and since then
I have cut and made a pare of knee
britches for the band
Tues 19 to-day strong winds and cloudy I have
ben makeing to day a pare of man of war
pants for the band they are bound the ~~fords~~ forkes
and top with black and stiched with
black white and read
Wens 20 this day strong winds but quite pleasant
I have ben makeing another pare of man
of war pants raised two sail but did
not get very clost to them
Thur 21 this day very pleasant with strong winds
raised a sail this morning early it proved
to be an English schooner exchanged
signals with her and past on
Frid 22 this morning at day light raised the land
it was cape hun tacked ship and stood
of ayane with the wing blowing a gale
past a large ship this afternoon stand
the same way we wore
Sat 23 this day has ben cloudy and strong winds
Sund 24 this day very pleasant
Mon 25 three sail in sight

Tues 26 this day quite pleasant the three sail in sight prooved to be the Lap Wing Eagle and Permealid all of New Bedford the Lap Wing was boiling a spirm whale the Permealia was also cuting in a large spurm whale the Permealia wants but one whale more to fill John and George went on bord the Permealia and Capt Cogshall sent me a lot of peanuts, Capt Macknelle of the Eagle came on bord of us and spent the afternoon and evening

Wens 27 this day very pleasant with strong winds we have three sail in sight all three are gammin together one is the Lap Wing the other two we cant tel

Thurs 28 quite pleasant five ships in sight Capt Stuart of the cliper ship Swallow has spent the afternoon and evening with us he is bound into port with us in a few days he has given G T a munkey but we have not got it on bord yet.

Frid 29 to day strong winds thick squarley and some rain we have five ships in sight, the Iowa ~~and~~ and Oriole of Fair

Haven have booth spoken us to day Capt Mickel of the O came on bord and spent the after noon he is bound in to Var to morrow he says he will let Mrs Harison know that I am hear and have her down to the citey when I get in she has ben on shore boarding one year but expects ~~to goin~~ the ship in in a fiew days and she will go the next cruse, she boards about five mile form the citey thare is a lot of ships hear all bound in in the corse of next weak

Sat 30 this day strong winds I have finished to day that largest worsted patern I have worked it on hair clorth for the back of a large chare the one with seven roses

Sunday 31 ~~we~~ I expected yesterday at noon to be in Vass this morning in time to go to church but the wind breazed up and blew a gale so John thought he would wate it still blowes a gale but we are bound in now the land is in sight and we expect to be in tomorrow sometime, the Ship Swallow of N B Capt Stuart is in comperny with

us bound in two; Capt Stuart is
brother to the Capt Stuard that you
have hurd uncle Cranston speak of,
John told our stuard this morning
1858 he should discharge him hear and ship
Feb 1855 another in his place he is two durty
Mond 1 well we are almost in to the ancorag
at Vass but it is almost calm we have
not come more than fifteen miles to-
day and John says we shant get up
in time to go on shore to-night, the
ship Swalow is along side so near we
can talk to them, and thare is another
ship behind us but I dont know
who he is, I suppose you are shivering
over the fire to day while we are rosting
it is so hot we can scarcely breath in
the shade, so I dont know what we shall
do on shore, John wants me to stay
hear while he makes a cruse and see
if I am not better but I cant make
up my minde to yet
Tues. 2 well at last I am at Vass and it is
nothing very alarming ether I wish I
could give you a correct description of

Feb 10 it is nothing but sand with a fiew huts
Tuesd called hoses, we came on shore last tuesday
and wensday we went to see Mrs Horeson
she is very well and has a fine boy, but
I will not wright much now for I am
going to write by mail and you will
get that first with all the perticulars
but as Capt Cook expects to leave for home
soon I thought I would send this with
him if you should see him he can tel
you how I am geting along I am as well
as useal George and George F are very well
John has ben quite unwell for several
days but I think he is better to-day, I
expect now to see Capt Cook agane
before he sailes but I will give this to
him now for fear I may not, I have,
almost as much attension as the the Presedent
could have from the ladies and genthemen
and ladies to pleas give my love to all
my friends if I have eney but I begin
to think I have none, I expected to
find letters for me hear but I did
not thare was letters for the ship but
none for me, I have not heard from

home since I left home, I am considered the guest of the nabobs exclusively but I am very tired now sow I will write you all the perticulars by mail, we have no oil yet so good by for to-night, I do not wish for this to be shown (so good by), but I thought you perhaps would like to see how we had got along

from your daughter

I would like very much to know Lizza how you get along

June 28 / 58

I will now give you a description of Bally town which place we left yesterday morning Bally is on the Island of Lombock the inhabitance are Maylays, thare onely clothing is a piece of clorth around the hips, and some ^the big bugs^ ware a long piece a crost one sholder as a sorte of mantle, they look very healthy, ~~the~~ ^their religon^ is Mohomitons, when George and I went on shore they met us on the shore in droves and such a pow wow you never heard as they made, they ware very kind but we ware such a sight to them they followed us in droves evry step we went, we crused around whare ever we liked while John was geting his recruits, they all go armed to the teath but they did not seam inclined to hurt us although we ware more than a mile from the rest sometimes, when I went eney distance I took one or two men with me, they live in bambu houses, their houses are sut up about four foot ^to six^ from the groung on posts and left ^all^ open under^neath^ thare are only three or four that can speak a word of English and them but very

2 little, they have a Govener hear but the one that does the moste of the busines hear is named Tonge, I went to his house several times and also to the goveners Tonges wife gave me a very nice basket and a paper fan, Tonges brothers wife also gave me a paper fan and a splendid bunch of bananars, we have got hear, rice, sweet potatoes a fiew yams pumpkins ducks chickens eggs bananers chocomuts some corn a fiew orenges and three fine apels, I have seen hear the rice bananar and chocomut a growing also the ban yan tree, I have presed some of the banyan tree and some flowers to take home I went to their buiring ground their graves are built up the sides and ends the same as ours but with small stones instead of sods, the head and foot stones are just alike they are about six inches square and a foot or foot and a half high they do not stand at the head and foot exactly but for a grown person one will be on the brest and the half way from that to the feat, some of the stones ware plane and others had little little stones semented on in diferant forms, if they could put their hands on us they was pleas enough they would take hold of George and feal of him and rub their hands on his face and feal of his

years, they would put their finger on my brest pin and year rings. and feal of my clothes. one put his hand on my waste and said, to small very small Molay more big Molay very big. one man wanted me to let him keep George and he would give me a little boy of his, the flowers hear are moste of them very fragrent, thare is one mountain hear that is eight thousand six hundred and eighty feet high, it was once a burning volcano we arived hear last wensday night and found the Ship Swallow Capt Stuard hear ~~and~~ he was ready for sea and sailed the next day we also got plenty of sugar cane and sack of dates

July 2 Spoke Ship Martha Capt Spaulding of Fairhaven two hundred and seventy blr spirm this season

July 4 Spoke Bark Iowa Capt Mooers also of Fair haven. with two hundred and sixty spirm this season, Capt Mooers came on board and spent the evening he brought me some books and George some lozengers and powder crackers, so with what we had we made quite a fourth

On Board Bark Kathleen

Sep 16 /57

Dear Mother

I now sit down to write to you as we expect if nothing hapens to be at Fayal to-morrow and shall send this from thare we are all very well and hope this may find you all the same, we have haad a very long and rough passage, John and George boath say it is the worst they ever had between the Islands and home, George and I have ben sick but very little, he gets along first rate the only truble with him is he cant get enough to eat for he is as fussy hear as at home about his eating, he has slept with is about all the time so far for it has ben so rough that he and me to could not stay in our burth without some one to hold us in John and George boath say she is the ugliest ship they ware ever in, John says if he was at home he would not come in her agane at no price, I think if they had put the copper on her sides up to the top of her raile it would have ben as well as on her botom for her side thare is what she sails on most, it is imposible to seat at the table unless you hold on to evry thing thare is on the table if you dont the

2 the first thing you know it is in your lap or on the
flore, but John says he thinks she is a very stout ship
and she does not leak eney, and she layes two very well
in a gale, now to our camperney George D has not stood
watch eney as yet he had a very survear cold and
cough and so John told him he nead not stand his
watch so Mr Sulavan the third mate heads his
watch but G D is well now, our second mate
Mr Buts is a man I should think as old as G D or
older he appears to be a first rate man one that
we can place confidence in ready and willin to
do eney thing thare is to do, Mr Sulavan the 3 mate to I
think is a very fine man ready and wilin to do
his duty but I do not think he enjoys good
health but he does not say but what he is well
Mr Borden the 4 mate is also a very smart man
they are all of them to all appearance very fine
men and men that will try to get a voyage and
if they do not succeed it will not be thare fault
our stuard is worse than nothing for if he was not
hear I could try to get something to eat myself but
as it is I cant stomeack to be in the pantry to do
eney thing it stinks so, I have made them apels into
pies and stued them grapes and made some ginger
bread and they would have gorn very well if had
dad clean dishes to eat out of but I do not think
we have had a dish washed as it should be since
we left home, when he takes them from the table
he takes his dish clorth and gives them a whipe ~~out~~ around
and then they are ready for the next time and he

does not change them for the second table generally and I ~~have~~ had him to wash a plate for me and then wash a place in the flore and then wash another plate for me all in the same water and with the same rag yesterday George came to us with a lot of white sugar John asked him whare he got it he sayed the stuard gave it to him he sayed he had his pockets ful and a lot in his bead room so we found he was helping himself out of the ships shugar but I am in hopes we shant be plaged with him in this end of the ship a grate while longer for John says he will get a stuard at Fayall if costs 5 hundred dol before he will be trubled with him so we shall get one thare if it is a posible thing, our provisions are nothing extry but with a good cook and stuard I suppose we could get along very well, but my preserved meats and fruites are very nice as far as I have opened them and the milk is good I should not know but what it was just from the market, but John is going to get a goat at some of the Islands but I cant whare, our boat stearers I think we have a pretty fair set, George has a grate deal the best boats crue all of them have benbefore his boat stearer is a black Portague and appears to be a very smart fellow but we cant tell what they will be at whaling yet as we have not had a chance to try them yet, we have a very smart fellow for cooper and one that knows how to work but it is hard work to make him understand for he cant speak a word of English and we have three Portagues forward that

4 cant, we have some very smart lads forward and some that I dont think will know one rope from another when they they get home if they should live, they are so dumb

If you see Mrs Burt tel her Henry gets along very well he has ben some sea sick and some home sick and I guess if was at home ~~he~~ you would not ketch him to start a whaleing agane but he wont own it but he owns he has ben some home sick, but he is very well now, I would like for you to let Mrs Burt know for she wanted me to write to her but you can tel her just as well, I do not know of eney thing more to write for thare arnt eney nuse here for me to write

I want you to write to me and direct to (Vase Western Australia) you must write by the first of December and send it over land Sarah can find out John says he thinks all the perticulars at the post Ofice about how they will go and how long it will take, we shall be thare if nothing hapens the last of February or the first of March I shall write agane from thare and shall expect to get letters from you thare is a male runs from New York thare but that is all the directions I can give you so be sure and write in time, we have not seen a sail to be near enough to speak them since we left home, as I wright they are singin out land but I have not seen it yet, I should like to if I was going to stay on it, give my love to Sarah and tel her from me she nead thank her stars she has not ben with us on our pasage hear she might have got olong if she had not ~~bin~~ ben frightened to death but George E would have ben kiled a tumberlin oround the little scamp how I would like to see him kiss him for me, give my love olso to Mary Bobart and Charles and take a shaire to your self I would like very much to see you all, tel Charley George drempt of him and Hatty and aunt Lydia the other night give my love also to Jenet

dont forget to see to Johns coat that is up to the house

and Amy Mrs Hillard and Mrs Woodman and Meraba and tel them I was disapointed in not seeing them at New Bedford, tel Amy or Jenet that if they see Peter to ask him whi he did not let me see him before I came away for I wanted him to come with us and I think if I had him hear I should have a grate deal better apetite we have not had eney white bread or duf like his yet, but I will give you a list of our diners Sunday is duf day Monday boiled junk and miserable enough it is to I suppose I have never tasted of it yet but John says it is the poorest he ever ate Tuesday cod fish Wensday duf agane they began to make molasses sause but we did not have that but once for I shoed them how to make shugar sause so now we have that Thursday we have dried peas made into soop this might be made very good Friday we have a supe made of sault meat Saterday baked beans ~~boiled junk agane~~, but I have not ate much of their provision as yet I have not had much apetite and what I have ate has ben mostly of my presirved meats George and I have made away with one of goose one of grean corn and one of green peas theas are very good the cans hold about a quart ~~pint~~ of the meat or vegertables and then you have to put the fixings to it, it is three weaks yesterday since we left New Bedford to day is duf day I have just ben to dinner and if George could not have done better I would flog him, John says tel Amy our chease is some of the kind that has ben tried and the meat he thinks must have come from Sanduskey

6 for you could hang on sometime and thare would not be
eney danger of its seperateing but I must close now I shall
go on shore as soon as we get in but we shant not stop
probaly but a fiew hours I shall take this on shore and
finish it thare, give my love to Roby B and all the rest
of my friends that enquire after me I want them all to
be shure and wright to send with yours over land, and I
will answer all I get, I will then try to let you know
whare to direct next but in the mean time write by evry
ship that is bound to the Indian Ocian, I will send my
Journal with this such as it is up to this date, but I do
not want you to let eney one see that or this out of
the family for I have not writen it for eperbitim,
I have writen this siting on a box down betwean John
chest and George Ds state room dore this is the onely place
that I could keep steady enough to write the ship is roleing
so, John sends his love to all, but I believe he is going to
write to William, I am sore all over from being thrashed
arounds, the land they have raised is the Island of Floras one of
the westarn Islands, I suppose Sarah received the money I sent
back by Abby Seabury I believe thare was 24 dol but I am not
surten fur I was in a hurry when I counted it and that from
Thomas Almy to she can let William have it and he will put
it on the bank book my shrub keept well so far we had some
of your cookies for supper last night, my melodian has not
ben unlocked since Mr Ruth locked it and I dont know
when it will be, when you see Mr or Mrs Luis give them
my best respects and tel Mr Lues we have a nice teapot
and a hole set of new dishes white ware covared dishes
and all but the truble seames to be a good piece of dead
horse and other things to fill them but we will have
it as soon as we get whare it is to be got and then we
shall be very happy to have him drop in and take diner
with ys and I will make tea for him in the teapot
what the handle is not all smashed, tel Amy I am very
much obliged for the book but I have not read it yet
I will write to all the Gurils as soon as I get steady enough
when you see Ably Seabury tel her I have ben to Fayal the rest

7 I am now stoping in Fial to-night we came on shore this afternoon about half past three I was first to the health ofice from thare to the American Councels Ofice I thare had an introduction to Mr Dabney the American Councel and four other Capt that had just arived also to Capt Gibss of the Speadwell of Fair Haven he told us that his wife was at the hotel and four other ladies from the states, he came up to the house with us and I found a very pleasant comperney hear, thar are fourtee Capts board hear and 5 of them have thare wives with them 2 are from New London 2 from New Bedford and 1 from Fair Haven, ~~this house is~~ the lady of the house name is Homak she is all attension as soon as I arived I was invited to go to walk to Mr Dabneys garden we all started rite of we walked until it began to grow dark in the gardens and they are splendid but I cant begin to discribe them they have evry thing you can ask for thare we then went to ~~the~~ Mr John Dabneys house from thare to Mr Samuel Dabneys we stayed thare sometime and had avery pleasant time it seames is if they cant do enough Miss Dabney asked the priviledg of sending me a boca to-morrow morning, we then came home and ate our supper and then it was about bead time this is the only public house in the town, to-morrow morning at seven o clock all of us ladies and J F are a going to ride not a horse back but a donkey back theymen say they shall go to to whip the donkies, we expect to leave hear to morrow John cant get eney ~~o~~ recrutes hear to speak of and what thare is are very high so he is going to St Mikels I believe it is to get potatoes in comperny with Capt Gibss, opisit Fayal thare is an Island part of whi

8 is very high it is about 8 thousand feet high it is called the peak of pico they abundance of figs and grapes, we had some of the figs fresh from the trees for tea to-night but I cant say that I like them very much, George and I ware treated with peaches as soon as we got on shore by a gentlemand from New London without eney introduction or eney thing he is hear for his health, the houses are all built of stone the walles are nearly 2 feet thick and whitewashed they more like forts than houses, but I must close for I expect it is midnight and I shant be ready for my ride, we have engaged a first rate stuard hear, you will find a fiew sead in one of theas letters. they are the stalk jelley flower yallow and a very dark read or almost brown they came from Mr Dabeneys garden so good night

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Of Cape of Good Hope

Dec 18 1859

Dear Mother Sisters and Brothers it is Sunday and I have seated myself to write you a fiew lines as we expect to be at Cape Town before meney days and I shall have an opitunity to send this from thare, When I wrote you last at Mauritius we did not expect to stop at the cape but expected to go to Madagascer and then to St Henena, but after we left Mauritius our crue came down sick we had as meney as ten down at a time the Portegues ware the worst, but we lost none we crused until we ware short of wood, John did not think it best to go into a sickly port and we must go somewhare so we started for Cape Town but when we shal get thare I dont know for we have had head winds a good part ~~moste~~ of the time and when it is not blowing a gale it is a flat calm two days ago we ware a grate deal nearer the Cape than we are now, We are all very well now, We have taken about one hundred and forty bbls of S Oil since we left Mauritius the forty bbls we have shiped by the Ship Martha Capt Spaldin of Fair Haven, George D. says he thinks we can just about finde room for one hundred more, I intend to write to Margret to send with this. John says I shall see Samuel Chases son Edson at the Cape he lives here

Dec 19 well we are haveing a gale in earnest now it began last night. this morning about 8 oclock it did blow awful but it has ben morderateing gradually

ever since, it is now about 6 Oclock the wind has luned but ed thare is a tremendious sea runing, for a while I was frighten but I am seeing the world and like every body else I must pay for seeing. I think (sometimes) I shall be satersfied with seeing by the time I get home (if I ever do) we are short of water and if the wind dont come fair soon some of us will go dry. but I think we must be in this week, next Sunday is Christmus and I would like to spend it on shore, we have ben here abut a week within two days sail of the Cape but have not ben able to get eney nearer, thare is sails in sight of us evry day. Dec 22 well to day we have a change from a gale to a flat calm, and as hot as July at home, Dec 24 at last thare is a prospect of our geting in Table Bay yesterday we had a light wind spring up and it was fair and we have made all we could out of it we are now in sight of the mouth of the bay we shall probly get in to night but not in time to go on shore for we cant leve the Ship until we have had a visit from the helth oficer, to morrow is sunday and Cristmus I was very anxious to get in a fiew days before, George says he dont think it will be much use for him to hang his stocking if we cant go on shore to night but he will hang it and see, Dec 25 at last we are here we arrived last night just before dark John and George J have gorn on shore ~~with~~ the boat to get some fresh for dinner ~~thare~~ ~~the~~ is ~~thee~~ 6 American vesels here one of them from New York I see ~~has~~ a lady on bord we past closte to her a comeing in and the lady came on deck and took a look at me (and I did at her) the Sunbeam left here two day before we arived he has not taken eney more oil since he left us, thare is a grate number of vesels here, some of all nations I guess. I stoped writing to cut G D hair and whiskers tel Sarah I shall have quite a bill against her

by the time I get home son after I finished John came he brought me some splendid Oringes as large as my two fists and almost as sweet as huney he also brought me a note with an invertation to dine at his house to day but we did not concluide to go, we went to Church this morning and came on bord to diner we had a very nice diner George D was envited on bord the Bark William G Anderson of Boston he has not got back yet, Edson Chase has left here and gorn farther down the coste, I think I shall like this place better than Mouritius. It is as large a place I think as Fall River, I will wish you all & all a merry Cristmus and at the same time A Happy new year Jan 2 1860 I will now endevor to finish this letter as we expect to sail to day I have had a very pleasant time while I have ben here I was envited to dine one day on bord the Brigentean P G Worwic Capt Lanfrir of Baltimore the Capt has his daughter some sixteen and a sun about G's size, I have dined once at the Masonic hotel and three times at the American Councils George F has ben stoping at the Counsils several days they gave a diner party to the American Capt last friday I was thare and had a splendid time, but we came very near having a very serious acident one of the Capts in going along side of a ship had his boat capsised it was a sail boat and had the sail up the boat sunk immediately thare ware five in the boat and they ware all nearly gorn before they could get a boat to them the Capt name was Van Sice of the Ship Sarter of New york, yesterday being new years day we ware all envited to dine on bord the Bark W G Anderson Capt Hall of Boston we had a very pleasant time but very quiet as it was sunday, last evening they all spent on bord of us, to day the Counsil family and us and a fiew others are envited on bord the ship Ceres Capt Wheler I shall go if we do not sail, saterday

the Counsils envited me to go to ride in the Country ~~they took their carrage~~ we went out nine miles to what is called wine burge, George D appears as well as I ever saw him he was envited on shore to dine yesterday with some other mates he went and says he had a spleandid diner he is writing to send with this I shall not have time to write to Margaret as I enteded to, so Sarah must write to her for me and tel her all the nuse, we expect to be in St Helena sometime in Feb and home (probably from the first to the fifteenth of April it may be a little before should we take a whale soon after leaving hear, if not a little later, I want Sarah to tel Hitty Hill I shall depend upon having her for about a weak if she is not maried and we live and nothing hapens, but I must close give my love to all, I shall look for letters at St Helena so now good by my love to Sarah Mary Robart and Charles tel Mary I have a little preasant for her but I will not tel her what it is it is useful not ornimental George has some things for S but he says I must not tell what for she may think it is more than it is, my love and Johns to Amy Jennet and all the rest and a large share to yourself from your daughter,

EC Marbel

I wish I could send you some of the nice frute I have got to carry to sea with me Oranges Apples Pares and lemons we are all very well I feel much better than I did when I came in here,

Mauritious we arived here last monday night just at dark
I went on shore tuesday but first I suppose you will want to know
how we all are we are all quite well at preasant, you will see
parte of this has ben writen some time when I began it we thought we
should see the Lap Wing agan but we did not so now I will finish
it and you will get it sooner than you would if I had seen her
we sent letters by her thinking she was going direct home but we here hear she is
not to be home until spring
George L has had another ill turn the 20 of July he went
to bed as well as usual about 11 Oclock John got up and
went on deck (it was quite ruged) he came back and we lay
there talking when we hurt George make a sound diferent
from usual John jumped out and took hold of him for
he thought he had the night mair George raised up himself
and tried to get out of his burth he made the noise again
and I jumped out for I new then it was not the night mair
I got to him and found he was trying to tel us something I
soon made out to understand that he could not move the rite side of
himself at tall we took him out and began to rub him in
about an hour he got so he could speak quite plain and moove his
limbs a little by spels and then the numness would return again
for a while but the num spells kept growing shorter so we continued
to rub him and bath him in rum constantly John bled him as
soon as he got him up and then we gave him some casteroil the next
day he was much better and continued to gain he was confined to
the cabin about a weeak he is now he says quite well but he dois not
feel as strong that side as he was before it bothers him moste about
writeing he manages to keep his journal but he says he dont think he
could write much of a letter now I hardely think he will write
by this mail he tolde me I could write all the perticulars now and
he would try to write by the next he is no borde the Barke Egle to
night, I have just come on borde and am very tiard but I must
finish this to-night for the mail levės to-morrow George found 3
letters from you here and some papers, I also received one from you
one from Mother Jennett Merabah and Amy, and I will answer
them all before I leve here give my love to them all, Mr Farnam
has ben dead two months he had the consumption his wife
and little boy will return home the first opitunity I like her very
much, I was grately surprised and grieved to here such sad nuse
about John Henry I know it is a dreadful thing to them all I suppose
it is all right and such as I have no rite to say I nay but it seames
hard I was saying to John the night before we arrived here that I should
expect a letter from him here for I had not received one the voyage
but I have received my last from him it seames. I am in hopes to get
one from Margaret in the mail that is expected in a day or two
our letters we received ware writen in March and Aprel but some of our
folks got dates as late as June John got one from Wing as late as the 25
of June. I have to write by the jump day before yesterday I wrate about
two lines when Capt Cromwell (of our Sunbeem) came and wanted
me to go for a ride we went on shore and he took Mrs Farnam
Mrs Capt Lindhome of Salem and myself George F and Eddy Farnam
and we started we had a coach and two horses with a driver and we
went of in grate stile we first went to Pall and Virginias toombs
six miles out of the city from thare to the Botanical gardens which
are very extensive ground beautifully layed out we had not time
to go a quarter over them from thare we went to a Mr Morgans sugar
plantation they want me to come out thare and stop a while with
them but I dont think I shall have time we have promised to go their
day after to morrow and spend the day at eney rate and then I shall
have an opitunity to see all the prossess of making sugar Mrs F Mrs L
and several of the Capts go with us. yesterday I tried to write and
had just got ready when they sent for me saying the Counsils wife
Mrs Fairfield had come into the city to see me and take me
home with her but I could not go home with her but shall go
in a few days last night I was so tired when I got on bord I
could not write (it was about nine when we came) so I went to bed

At Sea June 16th 1859

Sarah S Marble

Dear Sister I take my pen in hand to write you a fiew lines. we wrote some two weeks ago but since we have taken another hundred bbls of oil last monday we got two fifty bbls spirm whales and are boiling now thare is two sail in sight one of them is a boiling but she is so far of we cant tel who it is the other is the Eagle Capt Mc Nelly Capt Mc spent the day with us yesterday one week ago yesterday he raised whales and lowared his boats they fastened to three whales it was just at night the whales ware ugly and stove three boats all to pieces he saved the remains of one he went and picked the men up as faste as he could but some of them was in the water with only the pieces of the boats to sustain them for 6 hours and in the night to but he was very fortunate after all for he loste but one man and saved two whales which made him ninty bbls the man he lost was a formast hand that he shiped at the Vasse last Feb, he was a convict from England but I dont know his name. Capt Mc wanted us to let him have a boat as he will not have but three in all when he gets his mended but John thought he could not spare one. since we wrote laste we have seen the Canton but thare was no letter in her for us except one from Wing for John there was fore sail in sight last night. we seam to be very fortunate thare is but one ship on this coste that has done better than we have since we came on the coste that is the Lap Wing. tell Amy I have not received the letter that had the description of her house,

Sep 8th 1859 Dear Sister again I will endevor to write you a fiew lines we are now at Anchor in the harbor of

thinking I would get up and write early this morning I had just got at it when Capt Mc Nelly made his appearane he sayed he came to take breakfast with us and he came early so as to be in time I am going to see Hariet Newels tooin before I leve here I cannot give you much of a description of the place for I have not time for the steamor is steaming up now it is quite a large place and more like home than eney place I have ben in yet but thare is but a very fiew pure white people here. thare are but two deacent publick houses here and thare are so meney ships here it is imposible to get a deacen place to lodge in so we come on bord evry night Sundays is a sorte of holladay here to morrow is

sunday we are all envited to go in the contry to something they call a picknick but I do not think it is eney thing like a picknick at home I think it is mearly to spend the day at a friend of Johns a Mr & Mrs Rodes I dont know whether I shall go or not the Capts say I shall they keep me on the go constantly first one and then the other of them and sometimes I have all of them for an escort night before last I went with them and got an ice cream which is the first I have seen since I left hom and it is only once in a while we can get it here for the Ice is all brought from Boston here. but I must close give my love to mother Mary and all the rest I will write by the next mail George D is writing George F is delited here he is haveing a grate time

from your sister Lizze